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To Prevent the Spread of Mormonism.

DEAR FRIEND:

We understand that the emissaries of Mormonism are working in your town or its vicinity, or have lately been there. There are usually about 800 such "elders" of what they falsely call "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints" working in this country alone, besides a thousand or more outside; and they claim *987 baptized converts made in 1909 in the Southern States east of the Mississippi alone.* They go from house to house, with words and literature which are craftily planned to "deceive, if possible, the very elect;" usually covering up the worst doctrines at first, appearing with sanctimonious air and dress, and with professions of supernatural power and extraordinary morality. They are all the more dangerous because they are usually themselves deceived into a real belief in and advocacy of their terrible doctrines. Because this is so they should not be treated harshly; and pastors and others who are really qualified may well try to show them the falsity of their beliefs, from the Bible. For it is these *doctrines* which are at once the heart of the system and the means by which it deceives others into its toils. The chief doctrine is its really pagan belief in *many "gods,"* with flesh-and-bone bodies, who used to be human beings and who live in polygamy in the next world, etc.; which *logically wrecks every conception of Christianity.* (See leaflet on Mormon Doctrine enclosed.) Their so-called "Articles of Faith" are very deceptive, not giving their real doctrines at all.

Herewith we send you some of the main facts about Mormonism, which ought to be known by all. Kindly read them carefully, and preserve for future use. If pastors, editors and others would inform themselves and then pass on the facts to others, the progress of this evil would be largely if not entirely stopped. Will not you help, in any way possible? The success of Mormonism in reaching the uninformed by house-to-house work, generally in neglected regions of country and city, is a great challenge to Christian people. Certainly we, with all our advantages, ought not to be less diligent for Christ than they are for

evil; and if we are negligent *we may expect the evil to continue growing* as it has in the past; and it has *far more than doubled in twenty years.* "Go ye into the highways and hedges" is the divine method, and personal work both has the example of Christ behind it and is the logical method of success in every line of effort. Every Mormon man expects to do missionary work for at least two years.

Unless considerable stir is being made by the "elders" in a locality it is probably not best to advertise their presence by avowed public efforts against them, though such are wise in some cases. But the positive truths of the Bible can always be preached and widely advertised, being given special application as may seem proper. People can be warned against the evil doctrines and practices of Mormonism, by either pulpit or press or literature, in dignified, kindly ways, without making the "elders" heroes of persecution, or even advertising their presence locally. Preventive indoctrination with the great truths of the Bible is always imperative. And *personal work* with those who have either already been influenced by the evil or are in danger, is always in order. If this is done before the grip of the evil has become too firmly fixed, it can almost always rescue those who have become ensnared.

Our Publication List enclosed will direct you to other literature, published at practical cost, which will enable any one to become familiar in detail with the doctrines of the system and their refutation, and so to help those who are in need. We shall be very glad to hear from you at any time with items of value about the case, names of localities or persons needing help or of new converts, facts about the success of the "elders," etc. And if you can provide any financial aid for our work, it also is greatly needed. We all serve without salary, to meet the Mormon idea, but heavy expenses must be met, including much free printed matter.

Trusting that you may find the literature enclosed valuable, and will be able to co-operate in meeting this great issue, we remain, very truly,

THE UTAH GOSPEL MISSION,
Rev. John D. Nutting, Secretary,
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Our Publication List.

Below we list some very useful publications on Mormonism—our own issues except the last three. We can also supply Mormon books. The first price given is for a single copy, the second for ten copies, the third for 100—all prepaid. Read and circulate!

1. *True Mormon Doctrine.* Stated in quotations from Mormon works; very valuable for distribution where "elders" are working 5c, 12c, $1

2. *The Private Doctrines of Mormon Theology.* Additional quotations, for discriminating use only.....3c, 12c, 75

3. *Mormon Doctrine and Christian Truth.* The only careful discussion of Mormon Doctrine ever published. 88 pages, very valuable. Every Mormon convert and every pastor should have these 10c, 75c, $5

4. *Mormonism Proclaiming Itself a Fraud,* with cut of title-page of first edition of the Book of Mormon, and *Mormon Morals,* 2c, 12c, 35c

5. *Mormon Morals* 2c, 5c, 35c

6. *The Main Facts* regarding Mormon growth and power, the Christian missionary work hitherto done among the Mormon people and the further need. Illustrated.....3c, 12c, $1

7. *The Story of a Mormon Convert.* The true story, over his own name, of a good friend in N. Y. City, who was deceived by the "elders," but found the light again largely through our work. *Very important*.....2c, 10c, 75c

8. *The Special Difficulties of Work Among the Mormons,* and how they may be overcome. Very important facts..2c, 10c, 75c

9. *Present-Day Mormonism and Its Remedy.* Eight articles by Rev. J. D. Nutting, from a syndicate of religious papers early in 1904, giving a sketchy view of the history and character of Mormonism, difficulties and successes in missionary work, Josephite (Iowa) and Brighamite (Utah) Mormonism compared, etc. The best general view published, 20 pp..5c, 35c, $3

10. *The Guard's Great Question.* A pithy collection of stories and teaching concerning the New Birth and how it may be obtained, with suggestions to young Christians....3c, 15c, $1

11. *The Wonderful Story of the Wonderful Book.* A concise, interesting presentation of the miraculous origin, preservation, translation, character and power of the Bible; with some of the evidences for it and against all other professed books of revelation, reasons for its systematic use, rules for understanding difficult passages, a compendium of its chief teachings in classified passages for ready reference, and a special study of the passages claimed by Mormons as proving their false doctrines. 104 pages, 11 engravings; very valuable for young Christians and Bible classes everywhere, as well as for a statement and refutation of Mormon doctrine. Should have a very wide use 10c, 75c, $6.50

12. *The Truth About God.* "It's a whole theology" and "The best thing you have published"—statements of two ministers of long experience in Utah. Sets forth clearly and popularly the main points of Biblical and rational truth about God, the contrasting beliefs of paganism and Mormonism, and the astonishing unity between the two latter. Knowing these facts no believer in the Bible can be a Mormon. *Should be widely used in Bible classes for positive Christian instruction.* 80 pages, illustrated.....10c, 75c, $6

13. *Mormon Doctrines Analyzed.* By Wilfred S. Hale, M. D. A fine contrast between Mormon Doctrines and the Word of God, chiefly arranged in parallel columns.....5c, 50c, $4.50

14. *The Mormons and Their Bible.* A complete annihilation of the claims of the Book of Mormon, from internal evidence; by Rev. M. T. Lamb. Illustrated, 152 pages. Every Mormon should read this book.....25c

15. *Lights and Shadows of Mormonism.* 535 pages, illustrated, cloth, by J. F. Gibbs, an ex-Mormon of Utah. Very valuable for quotations, documents, etc., and forming a good history of Mormonism from its beginning, with special reference to its political aspects, though not entirely free from favorable bias as to certain Mormon persons and classes. Gives the facts about Mountain Meadows Massacre, Brigham Young's distillery, polygamy, priestly politics, etc.....$1.25

Sample packets, containing all but the last two on this list, with our circulars, postpaid, 45 cents. The whole list, $1.75.

INCIDENTS OF MORMONISM.

Incidents like the following occur in our work among the Mormons in Utah, and show their real condition better than any statements:

"I never heard the Adam-god idea as plainly taught as yesterday in the meeting of the 'seventy' at which I was present by invitation. About thirty were present, and all with one accord said that Adam was a god, though one did not believe that he was the god of this world; all the others did."

From items about a Mormon meeting; "It was said that there are 20,000 'saints' who pay no tithing—600 ward officers and 51 'stake' officers who do not pay any at all. They spoke also of the drinking saints, saying that in a town of 26,000, out of which number only 616 were Gentiles, there were fourteen saloons.

"There is an old man in this town who has been 'sealed' (married for eternity, Ed.,) to 129 women, paying 50 cents each for sealing. Another Mormon said that he also went through the temple, to see what is going on there; but he regrets now, because it is so hard to get away from Mormonism if through the temple. Otherwise I think he would become a Christian." (This is on account of the terrible oaths taken in the ceremony, Ed.)

"I beat my sister in marriage; I have five children and she has only four. For some time we were even, but this time I got twins and she has only one little girl." This said in all earnestness by a Mormon woman of about 25. Bearing children is woman's mission on earth, according to Mormonism."

"An 'elder' said in all earnest, 'God is certainly a man, for the Bible says that he shaved his beard with an hired razor.' If it were not so awful this would be laughable; but it is rather to weep about. Such utter materialism; no spirituality at all! It is real foolish to take the passage (Isa. 7:20) so; it simply means that the Lord used the king of Assyria to chasten the Jews."